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Have your prescriptions compounded at John M. Gleissner's Drug Store, east side of Broadway, cor. 3d street. 39-19.

Get your statements and bill heads printed at the REFLECTOR office.

Simon Rothschild boarded the train Tuesday evening for Kansas City.

The subscription list of the REFLECTOR is booming with a big boom.

D.D. Hornaday was in Topeka Tuesday shaking hands with the legislature boys.

We notice in the telegraphic news that J. W. Hart is visiting in Washington, D. C.

DIED, On Sunday, Jan. 24, 1886, an infant daughter of John L. Engle of Newbern township.

J. M. Brenizer is around among us again, having fully recovered from his last attack of sickness.

Farmers you will save money by getting your sale bills printed at the REFLECTOR office.

Mr. Harvey Shadinger left last week for Pennsylvania, being called there by the severe illness of his mother.

Workmen have been busy for the last week digging a huge cistern under the sidewalk, Cor. 3d and Buckeye.

C. H. Wellman left for Amboy, Ill., last Sunday, having received word from home that his father was very sick.

The telephone company has orders for fourteen new instruments to be put up as soon as the weather permits.

Louis Worthington anticipates starting a store at Industry. An enterprising firm with Lew at the head is bound to prosper.

For the largest subscription list in Dickinson county, and the most readable columns, the REFLECTOR leads the van.

The REFLECTOR publishes the official vote of the bond question this week, the only paper in the county which has done so.

It is thought by men who have traveled over the state that a third more wheat has been planted this year than last.

Our contractors report great expectations for a big building boom this spring as they already have many contracts on hand.

Mrs. W. F. Stambaugh and Mrs. J. R. Burton, were in Topeka Monday last and occupied chairs in the House of the Legislature.

Mr. P. J. Stoddard, secy. and treasurer of the Abilene Mill and Elevator Company, left Tuesday evening for a business trip through Texas.

Mr. M. L. Bell, proprietor of the Capital City File Works at Topeka, gave the REFLECTOR a pleasant call while in the city on business last week.

It matters not which way the chips may fall the REFLECTOR will ever be found battling for the right, and the upbuilding of Abilene, and Dickinson County.

An Atlanta man is dying from the bite of a mule. When a mule becomes dangerous at both ends, it is time to propound the conundrum, "whither are we drifting?"

The REFLECTOR has the pleasure of returning thanks to Hon. John A. Anderson for a copy of the Compendium of the Tenth Census of the United States.

The electric lights are being placed in the business houses, and just as soon as the weather moderates so as to place the wires on the poles the light will be turned on.

The 22nd anniversary of the Order of Knights of Pythias will be celebrated by Damon Lodge, No. 6, giving a grand banquet at the Henry House, Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th.

Hon. J. L. Burton delivered an address at the Lincoln Post Fair, Topeka, last Sunday morning. He fairly made the hall ring with eloquence and won the hearty applause of every one.

A bill is to be brought before the legislature to increase the pay of county superintendents. It should pass, for County Superintendents are the most poorly salaried officers in the state.

J. R. Brady Esq. is able to take in the dining room three times per day, we hope to see him on the streets again soon. J. H. get old "Bob" and the cutter out, it will act as an invigorator.



B. H. D'HUY, Ph. G.
Opposite Depot.

J. E. Martin, of the Chapman bank, is now one of the legislature boys he being elected Docket Clerk of the House, for which he receives three dollars per day.

Mr. Erasmus White, a substantial farmer of Logan, was a cash caller at the REFLECTOR office Saturday. He was pleased to learn that the bonds carried by such a good majority.

The business houses of this city, by mutual consent, now close their places of business at 6:30 p. m. All who are in the habit of doing evening trading will govern themselves accordingly.

Mr. S. Stein, of Garfield, called last Saturday and left with us \$1.50 for the REFLECTOR. While he did not particularly want the bonds he wishes nothing but prosperity to the county and the REFLECTOR.

There is a great demand for 1886 calendars.—Ed.
We don't want eighteen-hundred and eighty-six calendars. It is like the fellow who prayed for a barrel of pepper—it is too much.

Calene, McDowell and Konoder, three of Enterprise's most popular young men, were in town Sunday evening and Monday morning, their weekly visitations are no doubt the forerunners of much good.

Nathan Weitzel is spending a few days at home, he is the western agent for Wood's Reaper and Mowing machine company, and is on the road most of the time, the company is fortunate in obtaining his services.

H. M. McKahan the new proprietor of the tobacco and cigar store corner Second and Spruce street, remembered the REFLECTOR office with a box of choice cigars. He carries a fine line of goods, call in and see him.

J. W. Ball, a former resident of this city, now of St. Louis, is in town, he is still traveling for the St. Louis firm which he has been connected with for years. J. W. always meets with a warm greeting when in Abilene.

The protracted meeting held by the River Brethren closed Sunday evening. The meetings were well attended, ably conducted, and have left visible traces of good accomplished. May their labors ever be blessed with good results.

Mrs. C. T. Gaddis writes to a lady friend in Abilene, that she is at the Pawnee agency, Indian T., where she is conducting a school and doing missionary work among the Indians. Mrs. Gaddis' address is Pawnee Agency, I. T., via Arkansas City, Ark.

The young ladies are busily engaged preparing costumes for the mask carnival Friday evening. "Old Criminal, Lawyer Marks and the Fat Man" from away back will be there, and the young lady most gorgeously arrayed may win a prize in the contest.

A charter of "The Free Methodist Church", of this city was filed with the secretary of state at Topeka Monday last with a capital of \$400. The directors the first year are A. Hulet, R. M. Stephen, G. W. Burnap, Rev. E. E. Miller and J. M. Cook.

Last Monday morning the press representatives found a new field in which to exhibit their talents. Mr. File, of the Commonwealth, was the first to enter this new field, and for the first time in the history of Kansas a news reporter opened the senate with prayer.

"I think," said Col. Fizzletop "that Johnny is getting to be too trifling for anything. He is the laziest boy in Abilene."

"That may be, but he gets up at 6 o'clock in the morning I notice," replied Mrs. Fizzletop.

"O, he does that so that he can have more time to loaf."

Prohibition and total abstinence are two very different things. It is stated that one day recently there were over 800 jugs shipped from Kansas City to towns without saloons in Kansas. Of course the thermometer playing way down below zero was the cause of the call for the jugs.

Rep. Clem Bell has been highly spoken of by many of his constituents for the manly stand which he has taken upon legislative matters. Clem is making a good representative and you can bet that he will vote his honest convictions every time, "let the chips fall where they may."

On last Friday evening Mrs. H. G. Fisher gave a most delightful "carpet bee" at her residence on Cedar street, and on Tuesday evening it was repeated. The Baptist choir was among the happy guests and the music rendered contributed much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The supper—yum, yum—was the crowning event of the occasion.

At least three men on the average jury are bound to disagree with the rest just to show that they've got minds of their own; but there is no disagreement among the women as to the merits of "Staff of Life" flour. They are all unanimous in pronouncing it the very best in the market. Wherever it is used happiness reigns in the household. For sale by John Bennett, No. 22 Cedar street.

DIED—On Tuesday, January 19, 1886, of dropsy and old age, Mrs. Bryson, the mother of Mr. Matthew Bryson of Cheever twp. Deceased was over 55 years of age, the last three of which have been spent in blindness. She was quietly consigned to the dust on last Thursday.

A Company has been organized for the purpose of publishing another "long felt want" at Hope. The paper is to be independent in politics and edited by our townsman A. M. Cray. Mr. C. is an easy and fluent writer and the REFLECTOR wishes him success. This will make the tenth paper published in Dickinson County.

During the late cold weather, certain parties who are well known to A. J. Markley, have been living on mutton, and the number of Mr. Markley's sheep have diminished accordingly. The REFLECTOR advises the sheep thief to square up the matter or they may wish they had butted their heads against a wall.

The way prohibition is working in some parts of Kansas. Dr. I. Mayfield, of Randolph, Riley county, plead guilty to violation of the prohibitory law last week, and was fined \$1000 and sentenced to six months imprisonment. C. Bacon, of Leonardville, plead guilty to a similar charge, and was fined \$300 and sentenced to 90 days imprisonment.

A large number of passengers, stated as high as 600, were compelled to remain at Ellis several days last week in consequence of the K. P. being blocked. The railroad company furnished two meals a day of the best the town could afford, which consisted of corn bread, bacon and coffee.—Salina Republican.

On the first of January according to a sworn statement made by Mr. Winfield, business manager of the Gazette, the circulation of the weekly Gazette in this county was only 1,236. The REFLECTOR, not yet three years old, comes under the wire a length ahead of the Gazette thus making it the best advertising medium in the county for our merchants.

Do not forget to attend the masked carnival at the skating rink Friday evening. This carnival promises to be very unique and successful, as the costumes will be more elaborate and amusing than usual, for nearly all the skaters have expressed themselves to use more than ordinary care in their make ups.

The long eared animals of the legislature are trying to bray loud enough to be heard at Washington, in protesting against the confirmation of Nelson F. Acres as Revenue Collector. The bray is loud and strong, but for no other reason than that Mr. Acres is a democrat. The authorities at Washington will understand the braying and treat it with the contempt which it deserves.

Prof. W. H. Beltz, of Alliance, Ohio, has taught a large and enthusiastic class in elocution within the last two weeks in the High School room. The Professor, assisted by his class, will give a concert and elocutionary entertainment on Friday evening in the M. E. Church for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society. Admission 10 and 20 cts.

Every dollar of railroad property which comes into our county will be taxed, and will produce an income for the State, the county, the poor, and interest on county bonds. Besides this they will yield a tax to every township, and better than all else, they will yield a handsome school tax to every district through which the railroads runs, enough to educate every child.

Supt. D. D. Hornaday, of Abilene, was in the city Saturday and conducted the Institute. Mr. Hornaday is a great favorite with the scholars and friends of education in this vicinity; and when he puts in an appearance an extra ray of sunshine and happiness seems to brighten the visage of the oldest inhabitant as well as that of the golden haired boys and girls.—Herington Tribune.

If all the banks and business men in Abilene would spend their money at home for printing, the newspaper men could then do more business with them. And we venture to say that there is not an office in the city but that could duplicate any of the large orders which are sent off, for the same money, if not less. Stick a pin in here, bankers and business men, and give the REFLECTOR a chance to do your printing when ordering again.

The Omaha, Abilene & Wichita railroad has been voted subsidies to the amount of four thousand dollars per mile, through the counties of Sedgewick, Marion and Dickinson, and is now knocking at the door of Clay county for the same amount. We learn that an election for voting the bonds will be called for the middle of February, and if the people of Clay county are wise to their own interest they will vote the amount asked by a big majority. The Clay Center Times says the road is as certain to be built as night follows day.

Judicious Advertising.

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Enlarges many an old business.
Revives many a dull business.
Saves many a failing business.
Preserves many a large business.
Secures success in every business.

Wm. Brack, of Grinnell Kans., will please accept thanks for Grinnell papers. The REFLECTOR wishes him success in his new home.

One evening last week a number of the young folks visited Enterprise. On their way to that point, one young man who was paying more attention to his girl than the horses drove them into a deep snow drift, and were both "shook-out" out of the cutter, the lady was then "carried" through the deep snow, and placed safely in another sleigh. The unfortunate couple were put on the road and the merry crowd soon arrived at Enterprise where they enjoyed themselves at the skating rink.

Mr. A. J. Markley gave us a call last Monday morning. Friend Jack is a jolly good "boy" and a rattling good farmer. He told us that his large number of cattle stood the late cold snap well and that being well cared for and sheltered they gained flesh every day during the winter. Jack also "smiled" and said, "a fine little girl at my house on the 20th inst." The REFLECTOR congratulated and "smoked" to Jack's good health.

That splendid musical organization known as Plozman Band, at Dillon have suspended operation, and have sold their hall. We are very sorry to hear of such being the case, but we understand that what is Dillon's loss is our gain, as Mr. John Ketchersid and his brother Dr. Ketchersid have joined our band here. While speaking of our band we must say, that we are improving very fast, now have a fine selection of graded music and render it in good shape.—Hope Herald.

The REFLECTOR is pleased to announce that "A Society of Biblical Inquiry" was organized in Grace Chapel on last Wednesday evening with Rev. Stauffer as instructor. Twenty-one members were enrolled and much interest manifested. All persons desiring to study God's word are cordially invited to connect with the society. Members are required to come prepared with a copy of the Bible and Gospel Hymns. The next meeting will be on Wednesday evening in Grace Chapel at 7:20.

EDITORS OF REFLECTOR—Please accept thanks for notice of the Stewart Grand Concert, for printing dodgers for it, &c. I was requested to make acknowledgement to the press last week—but neglected to do so in time for your issue; and somebody anticipated me, (over my signature,) in returning thanks to the Gazette but inserted the name of Mrs. R. N. Curtis, as President of the Guild, instead of Mrs. E. Curtis.

Mrs. E. L. RUSSEL,
Sec'y of St John's Guild.

Maud and her George were in the parlor and Maud's father, who by the way, is down on the mugwumps—was laying down his political tenant to Maud's George. "I tell you," he exclaimed "the democratic and republican party embody all there is of party management. We don't want any third party here." "That is it precisely papa," replied Maud; "a third party is a nuisance anywhere." Maud's father counted noses, concluded that he was the mugwump, and withdrew from the field.

Bond Vote of the O. A. & W. R. R.

The following is the official vote on the railroad bond question:

Abilene:	For	Against.
1st Ward,	211	7
2d Ward,	329	12
3d Ward,	213	9
4th Ward,	150	8
Banner,	3	121
Buckeye,	87	26
Cheever,	120	6
Detroit,	41	30
Enterprise,	44	251
Florence,	64	17
Fragrant Hill,	2	110
Grant,	173	21
Garfield,	50	30
Hope,	158	62
Hayes,	90	78
Holland,	0	73
Jefferson,	12	119
Logan,	65	8
Liberty,	7	58
Lyon,	5	154
Noble,	6	217
Newbern,	6	29
Edgemoor,	81	57
Ricehart,	1	114
Solomon City,	15	272
San Springs,	46	1
Sherman,	60	50
Union,	1	90
Wilmington,	56	3
Wheatland,	3	61
Total,	2231	1063
Majority,	278	

Garfield Gatherings.

News is scarce, but our stockmen are smiling over the melting snow.
Mr. Pearl lost three fine 3-year-old steers during the storm.

It is thought by his neighbors that Jim Guest will survive. It's a girl and weighs 10 pounds.

Mr. J. M. Hosie has been quite sick for several days, but is improving at this time.

G. W. Aspley returned home from Nashville, Ill., last Thursday.

Wolf hunting is the latest sport with the boys.

N. S. Woolverton has a very sick horse. His disease is thought to be lung fever.

There will be a meeting at the Pearl school house next Sunday afternoon at 2:30, for the purpose of organizing an Union Sunday School. All are invited to attend and take part in the exercises.

Mr. I. Stark, who has been quite sick for several weeks with "rheumatiz" is able to be up again.

The Pearl Literary Society is in a flourishing condition. The question for discussion Thursday evening, the 28th: Resolved, that dancing is injurious to any community and should be prohibited." Everybody invited.

We are glad to see Frank Pearl out again after several weeks' sickness.

Rev. George Merriam preached an able sermon last Sunday at Bonacore. Bovey.

A CARD.

EDITORS REFLECTOR:—Will you allow us a few lines in your valuable paper. We represent an aggrieved party, a dependent party, yet without an influential party.

We are neglected!
The teachers of the county are a body for the general benefit to our youth, and their institutes—local as well as annual—are designed for mutual good and mutual assistance.

Now the fountain cannot rise higher than its head, and the rural teacher is supposed to be that head in the country. We have no accusation whatever to bring against our already overworked and under-paid Co. Supt., for we believe that he is doing all he can do for our schools.

But we see too much metropolitan professional aristocracy and very perceptible egotism and independence. If "the city schools are head and shoulders above the country schools," why cannot some of that stupendously ingenious talent of some of our city brothers and sister teachers, and especially their able Supt., impart some of their super-intelligence and superfluous professional magnetism to us who are in the country.

If the country schools are so far in the rear (?) and the city schools so far in advance (?), does that say that they should remain so.

Does the doctrine of mutual development suggest this monopoly of professional ability?

The Abilene and Enterprise school supervision have been literally deaf to the many hearty invitations and entreaties of the country teachers—their good promises and loud promises notwithstanding.

Then also, if "We have had over eighty cases of complaint from the country during the year and we want less of them this year." Why do not we make some perceptible effort at assistance and improvement, especially to those who come to school here!

A COUNTRY TEACHER.

Chapman Items.

A dance took place at the south side skating rink last Monday evening.

Where is the dramatic club that was in process of organization?

The present made by an esteemed fellow-citizen to another in our town has been fully and duly appreciated. The giver, M. T. Sheldon, Esq., one of our heaviest corn buyers in this part of the state, may congratulate himself that he not only has the best wishes of the recipient of the above mentioned present, but also the many good wishes of the people of the young city he has done so much to help build up and encourage.

The eldest inhabitants say that the last "spell of weather" is the coldest ever known in Kansas. It froze up the cellars, pumps, potatoes and apples, stopped the trade at the stores, and even got so cold (or the blizzard was so bad) that it ruined the gossip business entirely. When the blizzard gets to be such a "ripper" that the tell-tale gossip can't get out on her daily beat, then these old settlers were safe in saying that nothing had ever "broke loose" in these parts which could excel the storm for fierceness and violence.

Mrs. Morrill visited her relatives in Abilene last week.

Mrs. J. B. Carpenter paid her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ellison and family of Abilene, a four days visit last week.

The scholars in the higher department, or upper grade of our school, have organized a debating society.

Since the vote on the railroad question our folks, down on this side of the county, felt rather shaken up. They have not donned any mourning robes, nor are they sitting down and snarling about the matter, but they feel as if they are beaten and have got to help Abilene pay the tax to grow fat upon, and that the Abilene voters must remember future claims, should the eastern line of townships ask any.

An old colored man once said, "I has allus look perlicker an' exclusive nosis, dat when I hear de moan ob March, I tings held on ter life long on ter de bull year afterwards." Now if this old darkey prognosticator of life had been here through the last cold weather he would have wilted and prayed like unto the old darkey who went on the ice to freeze himself to death to spite his wife, as follows: "Gor a mity, dat ar woman is jest enuff ter worrit dis po' ole nigger to deff, but for de Lor' sake les put off dis freezin' scrape until it come a warm spell."

Carlton Items.

Our silence for the last few weeks should not be taken as a sign of forgetfulness. We've simply been "snow bound." The people who get mail at Carlton are anxious to know why it is that mail from Abilene can get to Midway and not to their P. O.

We've had no trains since last Tuesday and the people are out of coal. A few trips now to Abilene for fuel and railroad facilities will be doubly appreciated.

Although this part of the county voted almost solidly against the railroad bonds the voters are taking the result very cheerfully and are looking more carefully now for the advantages than they did before.

Quite a number of our young folks, despite the cold, drove to Archie Wilson's last Wednesday evening and had a jolly good time. It was a little surprise to Mr. Wilson, but he soon braced up and enjoyed the "old Virginia reel" as much as the boys.

Watt & Baxter have a fine lot of fat hogs in the yards ready to skip as soon as the engine can get here to take them out.

Miss Addie Smith spent last Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Miss Anna, at J. F. Baxter's.

Our genial neighbor, Ed. Coleman, is out introducing A. B. Smith's patent clothes-rack. Mr. Coleman understands his business and will no doubt give the household necessity a boom.

Rome Watson, the schoolmarm's friend, says he has been "dooley" informed that a team and sleigh is the first best thing to possess now-days.

Lin C. Baxter and Exline went to Abilene to-day on a pair of bobs. The boys said they would put on a double header, give the ponies a wee drop of the invigorator and take chances on getting through.

Harry Peck is now station agent here. Harry is young in years as well as in R. B. business, but being quick at "catching on" he'll have no trouble to get along.

Dick Hunter and Matt Gruel caught a possum a few days ago, which is quite a curiosity to the people of Holland Creek.

Mr. Will Foster has gone on a visit to his old home in Missouri. Mrs. Foster says it is rather cold weather to be left a widow.

Dillon Items.

The T. S. W. is still snowed under, heavy drifts in all deep cuts. A strong force are at work clearing the track.

The Vangant Bros. have two car loads of sheep and several car loads of hogs in the stock yards ready to ship, but can not get any cars to ship in owing to the snow drifts.

The H. R. Co. are delivering the timber at the depot to erect commodious stock yards and this will be the great stock shipping point on this line of the road.

A terrible cut on prices during our great clearance sale. We are making the lowest prices ever known on Blankets, Cloaks, Underwear, Hosiery, flannels, Muslins, &c.

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Itch, Pruritis, Mange, and Scatches of every kind cured in 30 minutes by Woolfords Sanitary Lotion. Sold by J. T. Curtis, Druggist, Abilene.

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